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RE: 2012 NEA Annual Meetings at ASSA and Westerfield Award and Luncheon

Dear NEA Member,

As expected, the NEA will convene professional sessions at the ASSA annual meetings in Chicago, Illinois from January 6-8 2012. Dr. Jessica Gordon Nembhard, President Elect of the NEA, has organized an excellent array of professional sessions for the NEA's Chicago meetings.

In addition, Dr. Juliet Elu, President of the NEA, in the consultation with Westerfield Award Committee chaired by Dr, Bernard Anderson has recommended to the NEA's Board that Dr. William A. Darity, Jr. will be this year's Westerfield Award recipient.

The National Economic Association (NEA) is proud to announce William A. ("Sandy") Darity Jr.* as the Samuel Z. Westerfield Award recipient. The Westerfield award is the NEA's highest distinction. It recognizes a Black economist who has distinguished himself or herself through scholarly research, professional achievement, contributions to government, and/or service to the community. Dr. Darity's considerable professional accomplishments and generous intellectual leadership make him uniquely qualified to join this illustrious group of past Westerfield recipients.

The NEA invites all of its members to attend the Westerfield Award luncheon at **12:30 p.m. January 7, 2012, in the Palmer House Hilton hotel, Monroe Room.** Ticket Prices for the Westerfield Luncheon Event are as follows:

NEA Members (before December 23rd) : \$70.00

NEA Members: on site payment (after December 23rd) : \$75.00

NEA non-members: \$ 100.00

Student Members of NEA: \$55.00

Student non-members of NEA: \$55.00

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The success of such a meritorious event requires the contribution of individuals, organizations and institutions capable of paying for an entire table or supporting a table. The price for a full table is: \$1,000.00. The price for support of a table is: \$500.00.

All checks for this event should be made out to National Economic Association, and mailed to the NEA Treasurer, Linda Loubert. The deadline for payment prior to the actual event is December 23rd. Those intending to purchase a table should send their funds ASAP to Linda Loubert.

**Linda Loubert, Treasurer NEA
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Your support of this event is welcomed as the NEA continues its tradition of scholarship and advocacy on behalf of the African-American and African communities. This year's recipient of the Westerfield Award exemplifies the NEA's commitment to scholarship and advocacy promoting the welfare and development of both the African-American and African communities.

As a final note, let me take this opportunity to encourage your continued membership in the NEA and to encourage others to either begin or to renew their membership status with the NEA.

Look forward to seeing you in Chicago

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* William A. ("Sandy") Darity Jr. is Arts and Sciences Professor of Public Policy, African and African American Studies, and Economics at Duke University. He is also a fellow at the Center for Advanced Studies in Behavioral Sciences at Stanford University. His areas of specialties are Economic Development, History of Economic Thought, Economics of Education, and Economic History. Dr. Darity is an internationally prominent economist and scholar, and one of the high-profile economists conducting research on racial and ethnic inequality from a cross-national perspective. He is the chief architect of the emerging field of stratification economics. Specifically, his research has focused on the racial achievement gap, North-South theories of trade and development, skin shade and labor market outcomes, the economics of reparations, the Atlantic slave trade and the Industrial Revolution, the social and psychological effects of unemployment exposure, and the history of economic thought. Dr. Darity is also a prolific scholar having published more than 220 professional papers and eight books. He also served as editor-in-chief of the second edition of the nine-volume International Encyclopedia of the Social Sciences (2008). Dr. Darity earned his Ph.D. in economics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (1978) and a bachelor's degree in economics and political science at Brown University (1974).
